

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

40 YEARS AGO

TODAY is Nippon Army Day, a great day in the military history of Nippon. It was today, exactly 40 years ago, that the Nippon Imperial Forces under the brilliant command of Field Marshal Oyama inflicted the most stunning defeat on Czarist Russia, the then mightiest nation in the world, at the Historic Battle of Mukden. He had only 400,000 men against which the Russian General Kuropatkin massed a force 600,000 strong, all picked men from the vast Russian Empire. Though far outnumbered, the Nippon soldiers fought with characteristic determination and valour, and annihilated a great portion of the Russian hordes and put the remainder to flight. It was this mighty triumph that laid the foundations of Nippon's invincible military strength, and elevated the Nippon nation, practically overnight as it were, to the rank of a Great Power.

Nippon's magnificent and decisive victory over Czarist Russia in the Battle of Mukden on March 10, 2565 (1905) demonstrated to the peoples of Asia for the first time the peerless Nippon spirit which never admits defeat. It also proved to the world that the so-called material super-abundance and superiority of the Western Nations are nothing when compared to Nippon's spiritual strength and potentiality which alone are the deciding factors in any trial of strength. This mighty victory of Nippon over the numerically superior Russian forces also proved beyond a shadow of doubt that ultimate success will be achieved only by that side whose cause is righteous and just.

In the present global war, too, Nippon has unsheathed her sword for a noble and righteous cause—the emancipation of Asian peoples including Indians, from century-old Anglo-American tyranny and oppression. Within a few months of the declaration of war on the anti-Axis powers, the Imperial Nippon forces fighting with traditional valour and heroism, as that exhibited by the gallant Nippon soldiers in the memorable Battle of Mukden, liberated entire East Asia from the fell clutches of the British, American and Dutch powers. Ever since then, Nippon forces in co-operation with the one billion liberated peoples of East Asia have been ceaselessly fighting for the preservation of the freedom that has been won at great cost. To-day, the Greater East Asia War has entered the most crucial stage, the stage in which the deciding factors will be just those qualities of spiritual force and indomitable spirit, death-defying courage and devotion to duty, which inspire the Imperial Nippon Army.

To-day, therefore, as we are enthusiastically celebrating the Nippon Army Day, we are filled with unbounded hope and confidence that final victory will certainly be ours. Nippon has not fought any war without achieving final victory, and in this war, too, she will achieve ultimate victory and thus enhance the glory of her noble tradition.

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EAST ASIA FETES NIPPON ARMY DAY

Nippon Defenders On Iwojima Put Up Big Resistance

*Foe War Correspondents
Candidly Admit Fury
Of Nippon Onslaughts*

Lisbon, Mar. 7 (Domei)—Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent, Edward, in a dispatch from Iwojima yesterday, likened the furious resistance on Iwojima to a coiled spring whose resistance grows with added pressure. The Nipponese are fiercely defending their positions in the northern part of the island-fortress, he said.

An Associated Press message emphasizing the intensity of fighting on Iwojima said that Nipponese resistance has shown no signs of weakening although the Marines launched an assault yesterday morning, preceded by a 16-hour aerial and naval bombardment of the Nippon defences.

Meantime, a United Press dispatch said that in one sector of Iwojima, the American Marines are nailed down and unable to progress owing to fanatical Nippon resistance. It said that Nippon troops only 25 yards away from the Marines were hurling grenades and constantly rushing the Americans with bayonets and knives.

Imperial Nippon Forces To Defend Fr. Indochina

Tokyo, March 10 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced in a communique released at 2.00 o'clock this morning: "Our forces stationed in French Indochina, owing to the utter lack of sincerity on the part of the French Indochina authorities, realized that the joint defence of French Indochina has finally been rendered impossible. Consequently, with a view to eliminating hostile influences, our forces have decided to assume the duty of defending French Indochina on their own responsibility and commenced to take the necessary measures on the night of Mar. 9."

Saigon, March 10 (Domei)—The Nippon military authorities in French Indochina announced in a communique released at midnight last night that Nippon forces, upon receipt on the night of Mar. 9 of an answer of refusal as a result of negotiations between Nippon and French authorities regarding joint defence, immediately started action and disarmed part of the French Indochina forces and armed police forces which resisted the Nippon forces and have also taken over some of the important establishments and facilities.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM DRAWN UP TO CELEBRATE GREAT HISTORIC DAY HERE

Today is the 40th anniversary of the Nippon Army Day. The day is observed in Nippon and throughout territories in the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.

In common with other places in Malai, fitting celebrations will be held today and tomorrow in Syonan in observance of the Day.

A comprehensive program has been arranged to observe the day, including lecture meetings, entertainment for the public, comfort visits to wounded soldiers and a photographic exhibition.

This morning local Nippon-jin visited the Syonan Shrine and paid homage to the War Dead. They will also attend a memorial lecture and concert meeting at the Dai Toa Gekijo this evening.

Mass meetings sponsored by the Oversea-Chinese Association and the Malai Welfare Association will be held at the Yamato Gekijo and Malai Gekijo, at 8 p.m., while members of the Syonan Theatrical Society, in conjunction with Elga Haikyu Sha, will pay comfort visits and entertain the patients at the Army Hospitals.

The Mobile Propaganda Corps of the Hodoibu will entertain the public at the 10th milestone, Bukit Timah Road, and also at Teluk Kurau School, at 8.30 p.m. Meanwhile, a public exhibition of photographs, depicting the might of the Imperial Army, will be held at the site opposite the Showa Gekijo.

Assembling at the Tokubetsu Padang at 5 p.m., members of the Special Forward Service Corps of the Syonan Sports Association will hold a route

march through the streets of the town for one hour headed by the Police Band.

This evening local journalists will give special addresses on the significance of Army Day at all theatres.

A show for wounded soldiers will be given at the Dai Toa Gekijo under the auspices of the Theatrical Society and Elga Haikyu Sha, at 2 p.m.

The Elga Haikyu Sha is arranging a display of pictures, depicting the various phases of life in Nippon, from to-day to the 13th inst., at the Fuyo, Syowa and Malai Gekizyo, and on the 1st floor of Yamato Gekizyo. Admission is free.

Mar. 11. Entertainment for members of the Imperial Forces, sponsored by the Syonan Shim-bun, Syonan Theatrical Society and Elga Haikyu Sha, at the Dai Toa Gekijo, 8 p.m.

Mar. 11. The Mobile Propaganda Corps of the Hodoibu will entertain workers in the Butai, 3.30 p.m.

Mar. 11. Lessons on Nippon-Go and songs will be rendered by members of the Syonan Musical Association, 11 a.m.

Mar. 12. Workers in the Army Corps will be entertained at the Showa Gekijo, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Mar. 13. A similar show will be staged at the Dai Toa Gekijo at 8 p.m.

Major Fighting Flares Up East Of P.I. Capital

*Imperial Forces Repulse
Attacks With Heavy
Losses To Enemy*

A Nippon Base on the Philippine Front, March 8 (Domei)—A major battle flared up in the sector east of Manila with the American invasion forces commencing their offensive with a force of about two divisions, concentrating their main strength in the attack against the left flank of Nippon positions in the Antipolo area, south-east of Manila. Fierce fighting rages between the opposing forces.

Meanwhile, Nippon units in the vicinity of Morong, situated on the northern coast of Laguna de Bay, south-east of Antipolo, repulsed invasion forces which at noon March 2 approached the Nippon lines supported by tanks and armoured cars, inflicting heavy losses on the attacking enemy. The enemy since then has been continuing thrusts against the Nippon positions. In the vicinity of Montalban, north-east of Manila, Nippon forces on Tuesday launched strong counter-attacks against the Americans facing the Nippon positions and annihilated a portion of the enemy troops.

STOP PRESS

Br. Indian Forces Surrender To INA

Rangoon, March 9 (Domei)—Nearly 500 Indian troops of the British Indian Army equipped with heavy trenchmortars, machineguns and other arms in one of the sectors on the Irrawaddy front recently voluntarily surrendered to the Indian National Army, according to a frontline report received here today.

These Indian troops appeared in front of the I.N.A. positions after dusk with a white flag, but as the flag could not be clearly discerned, some shots were fired against them by the I.N.A. forces. However, fortunately there was no casualty among the surrendering troops, the dispatch said.

Meanwhile, dispatches reporting on the heroic fighting being waged by the Indian National Army, side-by-side with Burmese and Nippon troops, against the British in Central and North Burma are regularly pouring into the headquarters of its Supreme Commander, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Indian Knights Busy In London On Begging Tour

The British authorities in India are making desperate efforts through their Indian hirelings and puppets to avert the impending collapse of the British Imperialistic power in India which is rapidly weakening as a result of the anti-British revolution in the country. Among those Indian puppets and hirelings who are trying hard on behalf of their British masters to come to some sort of agreement with the Congress and other revolutionary forces in India, are Sir Zafarullah Khan and Raja Sir Maharaj Singh the leader and Deputy leader respectively of the so-called Indian Delegation to the British Commonwealth Conference in London.

In a British-inspired article

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Amery Reticent On India Govt's Record Defeats

Lisbon, March 8 (Domei)—British Secretary of State for India Leopold S. Amery revealed that the Government of India has been defeated six times during the present budget session of the Legislative Assembly today when he was asked by Reginald Sorensen, Labourite, in the House of Commons as to the number of times the Government of India has been defeated in the Assembly during the past six months, according to a London dispatch.

He said that the Indian Government incurred its first defeat on the occasion of the vote of censure relating to the grievances of the Indians in South Africa and its second setback on the question of methods used for the sale of na-

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In the latest issue of the London journal, the Spectator, Sir Zafrullah Khan has made a hypothetical suggestion that after some years say, by end of 1947, whether the war ends or not, the British must agree to give India some sort of Dominion Status—a status which has been unanimously denounced and condemned by all parties in India. Commending this suggestion to the Indian people, Sir Zafrullah Khan cunningly suggests that once Dominion Status is obtained, India will have the further right, according to the Statute of Westminster, to secede from the British Empire, if she so wishes.

Questioned in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to Sir Zafrullah Khan's suggestion, Leopold S. Amery, the British Secretary of State for India, said that Zafrullah Khan's statement is quite in keeping with the notorious Cripps' proposals of 1942 beyond which the British authorities are not prepared to go.

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Premier Gen. Koiso Blesses New Political Party; Assures Warmest Support & Full Aid To Sponsors

Tokyo, March 8 (Domei)—With Premier General Kuniaki Koiso voicing the warmest and strongest Government support for the projected new political party, Admiral Seizo Kobayashi, leading sponsor of the movement, in an address declared the new political party to be established has as its sole aim the establishment of the nation's firm and strong political structure as a prerequisite to obtaining sure victory in the war.

Admiral Kobayashi addressed some 300 sponsors of the new party who, at his invitation, held their first meeting at the Diet Building this afternoon to discuss the organization of the proposed body. He stressed that the establishment of a wartime political structure on the strongest foundation is a matter of the utmost urgency, stating that the existing political set-up is too weak and too old for the attainment of this objective. Admiral Kobayashi went on to point out that the nation's political organizations in the past were mostly designed for activities in parliamentary politics and hence lacked the ability of functioning as direct and effective links between the wartime administration and the people on the home front. He emphasized if our political parties remain unchanged in their functions and status—they are by no means an effective organ for crystallizing the nation's total political strength to cope with the decisive developments in the military situation.

He declared now is the time for the whole nation to take decisive action by boldly scrapping all conventionalisms and by speedily effecting consolidation of our invincible internal structure for ultimate victory. He

added in the circumstances the new political party could not be a mere resurrection of former political parties or re-enforcement of the Imperial Rule Assistance Political Association but represents the effort to organize a "sure victory" political structure in view of the present situation confronting the nation. Appealing for the fullest support for the projected new political party, Admiral Kobayashi declared he is fully prepared to do his utmost as a plain member in the body.

Addressing the same meeting Premier Koiso expressed all-out warmest support for the present campaign for the formation of a new political party. Premier Koiso, declaring that the only way to overcome the present national crisis to attain final victory is for the 100 million Nippon-jin to mobilize all their spiritual and material resources, stressed the necessity of mustering total political forces for the sole purpose of victory.

Charity Show In Aid Of Poor And Needy Arabs

Sponsored by the Arab Welfare Association with the support of Messrs. Eiga Haikyuu Sha the Arabic film "Happy Day" will be screened at the Nanyo Gekijo on Monday and Tuesday next at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily in aid of the poor and needy among the Arab community.

There will be also a stage performance by the Shanghai Revue, in addition to the picture and a number of news reels.

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Enemy Positions On Iwojima Pounded

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Germans Defeat Soviet Guard Tank Army In Big Battle

Berlin, March 8 (Domei)—Focal points of the big battle in the east for the past 24 hours were still in Pomerania and West Prussia. The Fuehrer's headquarters communique said in Central Slovakia Grenadiers and Chasseurs for ten days have been engaged in fierce forest and mountain battles against the enemy attacking from the south and east of Gran Valley at Altschl.

In costly fighting both sides of Schemnitz the Soviets made slight territorial gains. On both sides of Lauban Reich troops excellently supported by the Luftwaffe defeated strong sections of the Third Soviet Guard Tank Army, inflicting heavy losses and liberating the town. One hundred and sixty-two enemy tanks, 159 guns, 74 trenchmortars, and 106 motor vehicles were destroyed or captured. At Kuestrin Reich troops yesterday shattered numerous Soviet attacks supported by battleplanes.

In the focal point of the defensive battle for Pomerania, attempts at a breakthrough by strong Soviet forces toward Stettin were held up by the Reich barrier position between Greifenhagen and Gollnow. South of Cammin and in front of Kolberg, Reich fighting units are engaged in successful defence against strong enemy forces. Reich naval units annihilated there to a great extent with closerange weapons 40 Soviet tanks in two days.

In West Prussia strong Soviet tank formations which had advanced with the centre of gravity toward Stolp and on either side of Preussisch-Stargard were held up after fierce fighting.

The Fuehrer's communique disclosed that the garrison of the fortress of Graudenz, under Commander Major-General Fricke succumbed after heroically blocking for almost three weeks the important Vistula crossing.

In the battle area of East Prussia independent thrusts by the Soviets were warded off west of Zinten. The defensive battle in Courland continued to be restricted to the area east of Frauenburg where Reich battle-tested troops yesterday frustrated an intended breakthrough by the enemy with strengthened forces and a great employment of material.

On the Lower Rhine German troops held the bridgehead at Wesel against renewed enemy

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tional savings certificates by Government agents in Bihar. The remaining four defeats were experienced in connection with the railway budget, he disclosed.

In his response to questions posed concerning India, the British Secretary of State for India showed little enthusiasm to talk and in general limited his replies.

He declined to make fresh statements on the British Government's policy towards India when he was asked by Creech Jones, Labourite, if he could do so in view of the recent speech by Sir Zafrullah Khan to the Commonwealth Relations Conference in London regarding another approach by the British Government to the Indian situation.

Responding to another question posed by Emanuel Shinwell, Labourite, who asked if it was not desirable for Britain to make a friendly gesture in the light of "conciliatory" speeches made recently by many Indian leaders, Amery coolly replied that while importance was attached to the utterances, "the fact remains that at present leading parties have not yet come into sufficient touch to enable a corresponding gesture from British Government to have any real effect".

attacks, throwing back the enemy who had advanced temporarily, with heavy losses in men and tanks. In the sectors of Duesseldorf and Cologne the Fuehrer's headquarters communique acknowledged that the Reich front after heavy fighting was pressed back to the eastern bank of the Rhine. On the western bank fighting is still going on in the ruins of Cologne. In the lower Vosges numerous enemy thrusts broke down under German fire.



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